less than 0.08 which is the recommended co-efficient for Zone V. the most severe earthquake zone in the country.

News-item regarding vacant DDA flats in Bindapur

†1121. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state.

(a) Government's reaction to the news-item captioned, Bindapur mein DDA ke khali flat aiyyashi ke adde banein" appeared in the Dainik Jagaran, dated 4th February, 2001;

(b) the reasons for which Government have not made allotment of these flats; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to stop such undesirable activities.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Government are aware of this news-item and action is being taken, wherever necessary.

(b) The DDA have informed that these flats which are independent expandable housing units, were allotted under Expandable Housing Schemes in 1995 & 1997. But the registrants did not accept the allotment of these flats. As such, the DDA propose to allot these flats along with similar flats in Rohini and Narela to Punjab migrants.

(c) The DDA have reported that all the vacant flats in Bindapur are under lock and key and security guards have been deployed to guard the flats. The Delhi Police have reported that two cases under ITP Act (Immoral Traffic Prevention Act) were registered in the year 2000. Also, the Beat Staff and the Divisional Officer have been directed by the Delhi Police to keep a strict watch in the area. The DDA is also being directed to have better supervision of watch and ward staff of the area properly.

Adherence of norms for construction of multi-storey buildings in Gujarat

† 1122. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether norms laid down for construction of multi-storey buildings in big ciues of Gujarat had been followed;

(b) what procedure is being adopted to find out the facts in this regard;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.